



Leading Quality Addiction Treatment in the Northern Rockies

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HB 305

TESTIMONY OPPOSING HB 305

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Rimrock Foundation is a private, non-profit provider of treatment for substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders. Rimrock is Montana's oldest and largest drug and alcohol addiction treatment program, serving over 4000 patients annually in 134 beds and with a large outpatient program in a continuum of service levels.

We are concerned that HB 305 could have many unintended consequences. An entity that is qualified as a 501c(3) non-profit organization has an existing definition and emphasis on charitable care, etc. Non-profit organizations have been the backbone of social and health services in our country for many, many years. Without them, we would not enjoy the advances in physical and behavioral health we do today.

If indeed there is some need to re-visit the status of non-profit organizations and their tax exempt status, such an effort should be carefully undertaken over a period of time by individuals who are prepared to understand the whole picture of these organizations. It should not be tinkered with in a busy legislative session due to someone's angst over a particular non-profit situation.

Rimrock Foundation, provided a million dollars in free care in 2010 to folks who would otherwise not have access to treatment or, who would have had to be cared for in public programs which are stretched for dollars and which you fund. Please do not do anything, let alone pass this bill, that may cause unintended consequences for many of our non-profits who are giving generously to the communities they serve.